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In re application of:	:
Blanca Martin-Vaca, et al.	: Group: 1796
Serial No.: 10/541,735	:
Filed: July 7, 2005	: Examiner: Truong, Duc
For: CATALYTIC... POLYMERIZATION	:

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action of June 6, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.
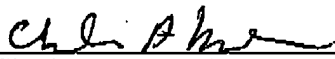
The claims in the application are claims 1 to 14, 16 and 17, all other claims being cancelled.

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 1 to 10, 16 and 17 drawn to a catalyst system and claims 11 to 14, drawn to a method of using the catalyst system. The Examiner indicated that two groups of claims did not relate to a single invention as required by PCT Rule 13.1 and required separate searches.

Applicants elect claims 1 to 10, 15 and 16 and reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention. It is not certain if the Examiner was requiring an election of species and if so, Applicants traverse this requirement since it is believed that all the species are directed to a single inventive concept. However, in order to be fully responsive to the office action, Applicants elect trifluoromethane sulfonic acid as compound (1) and aliphatic alcohols as compound (2).

Since the first office action was merely a restriction requirement, Applicants request a prompt action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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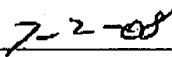Attorney for Applicants
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